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Dear JDi Students,

I am forwarding [Dean Boise's message](#) to our residential students, faculty, and staff concerning the fall semester and plans to follow an accelerated academic calendar. Although the plans described below do not apply to you and our JDinteractive program directly, I want to keep you in the loop and share the impact of these plans on our fall residencies.

First, please know that the JDi academic calendar for the fall will remain the same. Classes will begin as scheduled, on August 30. However, due to the risks associated with travel, the strict parameters for social distancing and the accelerated occupancy of Dineen Hall to accommodate the new academic calendar for the residential program, we will postpone our experiential residencies 3 and 4.

We await guidance from the ABA concerning residency 5, which we hope to host online. If you are scheduled to participate in residency 5, please stand by as I will follow up with an update as soon as possible. Residency 2 is scheduled for January 2021 and therefore remains unchanged at this time. Given these changes, therefore, you may clear your schedules of any travel to and from residencies 3, 4, and 5.

As you know, the COVID-19 situation continues to unfold, as do various "re-opening" plans on campus and nationwide. We will keep you posted on all developments, as always. We appreciate your continued patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work to provide a safe and productive fall semester for everyone.

Stay well, and as always please feel free to reach out to me or Lou Lou, if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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